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1. An armored battalion, UIN 2,222 is located in the Gábor Áron Barracks on Petöfi utca.
2. The battalion consists of a headquarters staff, two armored companies, a repair company, a motorcycle platoon, and a reinforcement column. The companies are all authorized to have 10 T-34/85 tanks, but only have five of these each at present. The companies have 80 men, and each has one personnel car and five trucks. The headquarters staff, the repair unit for trucks, and the repair unit for tanks each consists of 20 men.
3. The commander of the repair company is Lt. Kálmán Bártfai, about 30 years old, a very capable man, who is well liked. His deputy is 2d Lt. Imre Petö. This company is equipped with 2 Skoda crosscountry cars, 1 Csepel motorcycle, 1 tank recovery vehicle of the Russian type, 8 Raba 3-ton trucks and 2 3-ton Russian shop cars.
4. The motorcycle platoon consists of nine motorcycles with side cars, all members of it are equipped with machine pistols.
5. The reinforcement column has 12 Raba 3-ton trucks.
6. During the summer of 1952 the battalion was in camp near Nagyrécs; during this period it had 100 reservists attached for training.
7. The Petöfi Barracks is occupied by an infantry regiment, UIN 2,563. There is a field artillery section in the Dozsa György Barracks.
8. The Nagykanizsa-Letenye road is being widened and its foundations are being strengthened.

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